

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: July 26, 2010
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Senior Services Social Worker* – Last week I met with Director of Human Services Kevin Grunwald and Councilors Denise Keane and Meredith Lindsey to discuss the Senior Services Social Worker position. Based on our review of the statutes and regulations concerning clinical social work in the State of Connecticut, we collectively determined that it would be appropriate to require the employee to be licensed as a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) or licensed professional counselor (LPC), or to be receiving supervision from a licensed mental health professional. We have discussed this issue with our senior services social worker, Ms. Barbara Lavoie, and will provide her with the supervision she needs to get licensed. For your reference, I have attached the job description which has been revised to reflect this requirement (please see the Special Requirements section on page 2). I would like to thank Kevin, Denise and Meredith for their assistance in developing a resolution to this matter.

Departmental/Division News

- *Town Manager's Office, Tour of Bergin CI* – Last week Mayor Paterson and I, along with various members of our community, attended an orientation session hosted by the Warden and the senior staff at the Bergin Correctional Institute. The session was very comprehensive, and I was impressed by the dedication of the staff and the educational programs that are provided to the inmates in order to reduce recidivism and to provide them with some of the basic skills needed to achieve constructive employment. I would like to thank Warden Monica Rinaldi and her staff for an informative tour, as well their willingness to work cooperatively with our community.
- *Town Manager's Office, Community Notification System* – On Wednesday, August 18, 2010, the Town of Mansfield and the Bergin Correctional Institution plan to test our community notification system which is designed to notify members of the community in the event of an escape at Bergin. Community members who wish to subscribe to the notification system may do so by contacting Ms. Wendy Parker in the Mansfield Resident State Trooper's Office at ParkerWA@mansfieldct.org or 860 429-3360.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Mansfield Downtown Partnership, Storrs Center Project* – I anticipate that the Town Council will need an executive session at or around the time of your next meeting to continue our review and discussion of commercial and financial information provided in confidence by Storrs Center Alliance regarding the Storrs Center project. Sara-Ann Chaine will contact you with potential dates for that session.
- *New England Central Railroad (NECR) Line, TIGER II Application* – Earlier today I was contacted by Charles Hunter of RailAmerica with a request to sponsor his company's pre-application seeking approximately \$12.3 million from the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program, to increase the existing line's capacity to handle freight service. (This would be a first step towards the restoration of passenger rail for the line.) The main portion of the project would cover the NECR from New London to the MA/VT border and some small routes around Hartford as well. The grant

does require a match of \$3 million which would be funded in its entirety by RailAmerica. The pre-application was due today and RailAmerica was unable to secure another sponsor for the application. With Mansfield's interest in this project and its importance to regional transportation, sustainability and economic development goals, I agreed to serve as a sponsor for the pre-application with the understanding that RailAmerica would need to seek endorsement from the Town Council in order to submit the more formal grant application, which is due August 23, 2010.

Member Organizations

- *Storrs Farmers Market* - Storrs Farmers Market is pleased to invite you to its new "Midweek Mini Market" held on Wednesdays at the Mansfield Community Center. The Midweek Mini Market will be open every Wednesday from 3:00 – 6:00 pm through September 29. Stop by on your way home and select fresh vegetables, fruits, and prepared foods from Storrs Farmers Market vendors. The Midweek Mini Market will be located in the grassy area to the left of the Mansfield Community Center (rain or shine). We hope to see you there!

Special Events

- *Tour de Mansfield* – [Tour de Mansfield: Village to Village](#) was held on Saturday, July 15, 2010 with approximately 150 riders of all ages participating. The event featured 5, 20 and 40-mile rides that started and ended at the Mansfield Community Center and concluded with a barbecue. Special thanks to our platinum sponsor, Mansfield OBGYN for supporting this great community event for the fourth year in a row! Thanks also to Sara-Ann Chaine for managing the event, Kathleen Paterson of the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Amanda Barry of the Parks and Recreation Department for assisting with planning, and our community volunteers for the assistance with running the event.

Upcoming Meetings*

- Sustainability Committee, July 28, 2010, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee, July 29, 2010, 7:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- IWA/Planning and Zoning Commission, August 2, 2010, 7:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Communications Advisory Committee, August 2, 2010, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, August 3, 2010, 7:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Traffic Authority, August 4, 2010, 9:30 AM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children, August 5, 2010, 5:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, August 5, 2010, 4:00 PM, Downtown Partnership Office
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, August 9, 2010, 5:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, August 9, 2010, 6:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, August 9, 2010, 7:30 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*